

Introduced by Senator PriceFebruary 19, 2010

An act to relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1453, as introduced, Price. CalWORKs and food stamps.

Existing law requires each county to provide cash assistance and other social services to needy families through the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program using federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant program, state, and county funds. Under existing law, the county is required to annually redetermine eligibility for CalWORKs benefits.

Existing law additionally requires the county to redetermine recipient eligibility and grant amounts on a quarterly basis, using prospective budgeting, and to prospectively determine the grant amount that a recipient is entitled to receive for each month of the quarterly reporting period. Existing law requires a CalWORKs recipient to report to the county, orally or in writing, specified changes that could affect the amount of aid to which the recipient is entitled. Under existing law, the CalWORKs quarterly reporting system is also implemented by the State Department of Social Services in administering the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which is administered in California as the Food Stamp program. Under the Food Stamp program, each county distributes nutrition assistance benefits to eligible households.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact Legislation that would reform fingerprinting, asset limitation, and reporting requirements under the CalWORKs program and the Food Stamp program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 Legislation that would reform fingerprinting, asset limitation, and
- 3 reporting requirements under the CalWORKs program and the
- 4 Food Stamp program.